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Chapter 1 by Sandy Nelson

"You're sucking diesel, big-man!" said the man with the melted-welly face.

I turned round briefly to see his disfigured napper recede behind me, his two thumbs raised and gormless grin plastered on his face like yesterday's headlines.

The spluttering bike finally caught properly and I easily accelerated up the Pass. I raised my fist half-heartedly in response to the now rapidly disappearing cretin who'd assisted with pushstarting this decrepit machine and set my eyes on the crest of the hill, knowing that the rest of my journey from there was downhill to the sea.

A dead badger with crow-pecked eyes passed by a few inches to my left foot. An empty bag of Cheese And Onion Tayto crisps ripped past my visor, a vision of yellow and red tossed from a car window. A sign proclaiming the 'Highest Pub In Ireland' whisked past.

I couldn't wait to leave this God-forsaken island.

Chapter 2 by MJZ



The bike continued to spit its discontent onto the road long after I passed the 'Highest Pub In Ireland', leaving a viscous trail of complaints on the road.

On my one previous visit to this part of the world I remember being overwhelmed by the seeming endlessness of green. Now as I stopped for a smoke, leaning on what once passed for a wall I could barely conjure a word to describe the current landscape. 'Coarse' might have done

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Enough reminiscing. I stubbed out the cigarette - half finished, I was trying to quit - and threw my leg back over the bike. As I gave the final tap on my helmet to secure it into place, a flicker of movement raced at an unrealistic speed somewhere ahead. I was clearly heading in the right direction.

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